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1. The Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde still quartered the tank unit which, some months ago, moved to Bad Freienwalde, presumably from Bernau. Limited training activities observed in early October 1953 tended to indicate that the barracks installation was occupied below capacity at that time.  no indications of an early departure of the troops and return from the summer camp of the soldiers previously quartered in the installation. While the vineyard training ground was not used by the troops, combat training which involved tanks and SP guns was held on the training ground near Rathsdorf on several days in early October.

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2. On 12 October 1953, an estimated 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia were still quartered in the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde which was occupied below capacity. On several days in early October 1953, training in the terrain and combat practices were held in the area around the installation. These exercises involved light armored scout cars and half-track motor vehicles on some days.

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About 150 motor vehicles were observed in the motor-vehicle storage sheds of the barracks installation. 1

1. Comment. It is believed rather improbable that troops of the 6th Gds Mecz Div stationed at other posts should be quartered in Bad Freienwalde. Motor-vehicle and tank  of movements observed in July and August of 1953 invariably confirmed units of the 16th Gds Mecz Regt and the 93th Tank Regt. The reduced occupation of the installation is due to the commitment in Berlin of elements of the abovementioned regiments. Final determination will be possible after the evacuation of the Templin training ground and further progress of the exchange movement of the forces stationed at Berlin.

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